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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST THALIDOMIDE CASE

1. INSTANCE CONGRESSWOMAN MARTHA W. GRIFFITHS PLEASE CONTACT ONE DR. LENTZ OF MUENSTER UNIVERSITY CONCERNING STATUS OF THALIDOMIDE CASE OF HER CONSTITUENT, MR. JOSEPH LIVO OF 23106 MONTCLAIR, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN. CASE CURRENTLY PENDING WITH BOARD OF REVIEW, OF WHICH LENTZ IS A MEMBER.

2. ACCORDING TO LETTER OF APRIL 29 FROM THE CONGRESSWOMAN, LIVO'S SPOUSE, DURING PREGNANCY, WAS GIVEN THALIDOMIDE AT A CIVILIAN HOSPITAL AT ESCHENBACH, GERMANY, AS TREATMENT FOR SEVERE NAUSEA. DAUGHTER WAS BORN IN 1962 WITH "SEVERE BIRTH DEFECTS".

3. LIVO HAS CORRESPONDENCE WITH DR. LENTZ SINCE THAT TIME, AND IN EARLY 1973 INFORMED THAT "FINAL DISPOSITION" OF THALIDOMIDE CASES WOULD BE MADE IN 1973-1974. HOWEVER, LIVO HAS HAD NO FURTHER WORD.

4. POST REQUESTED TO URGE EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF CASE
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